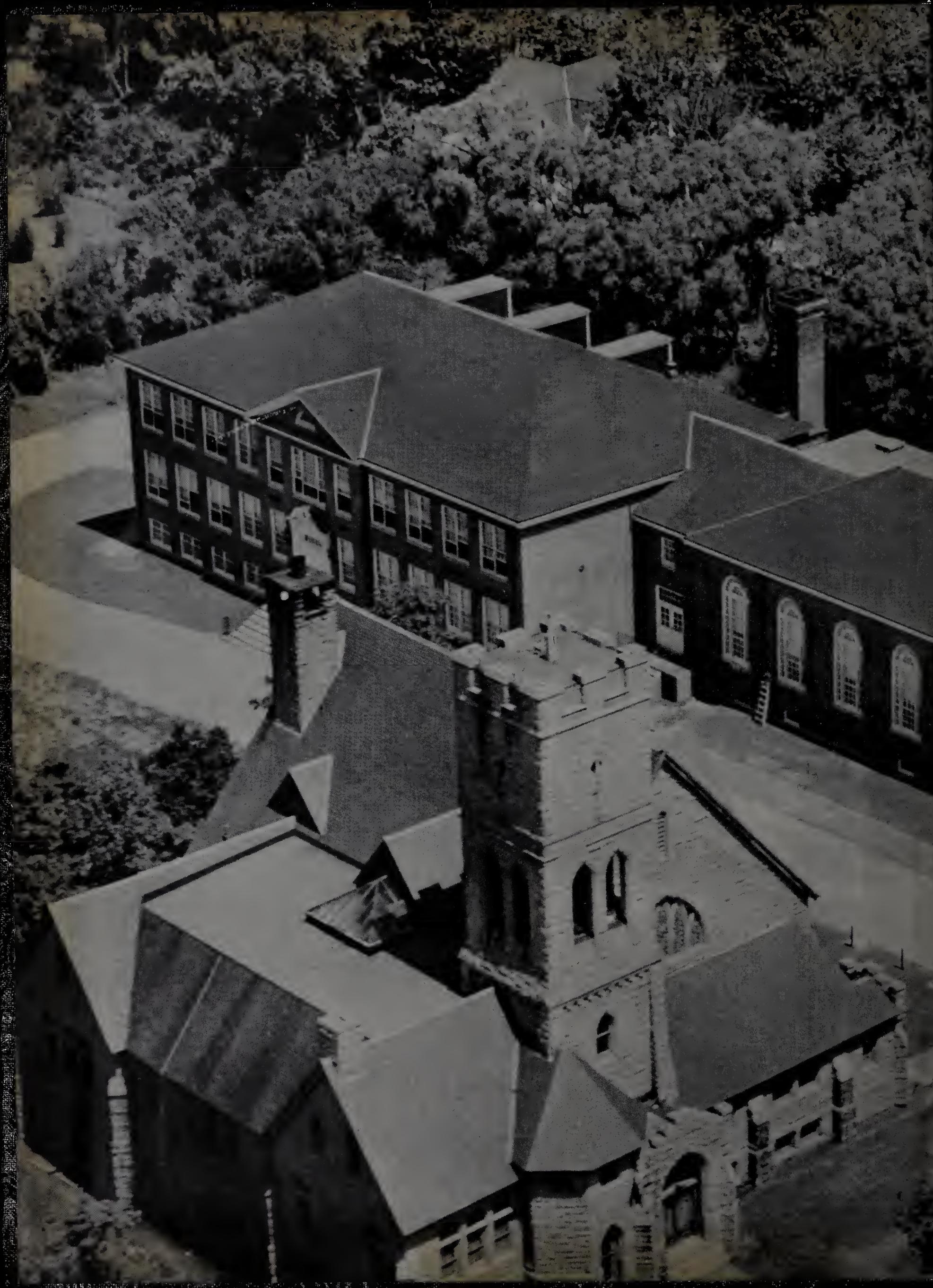
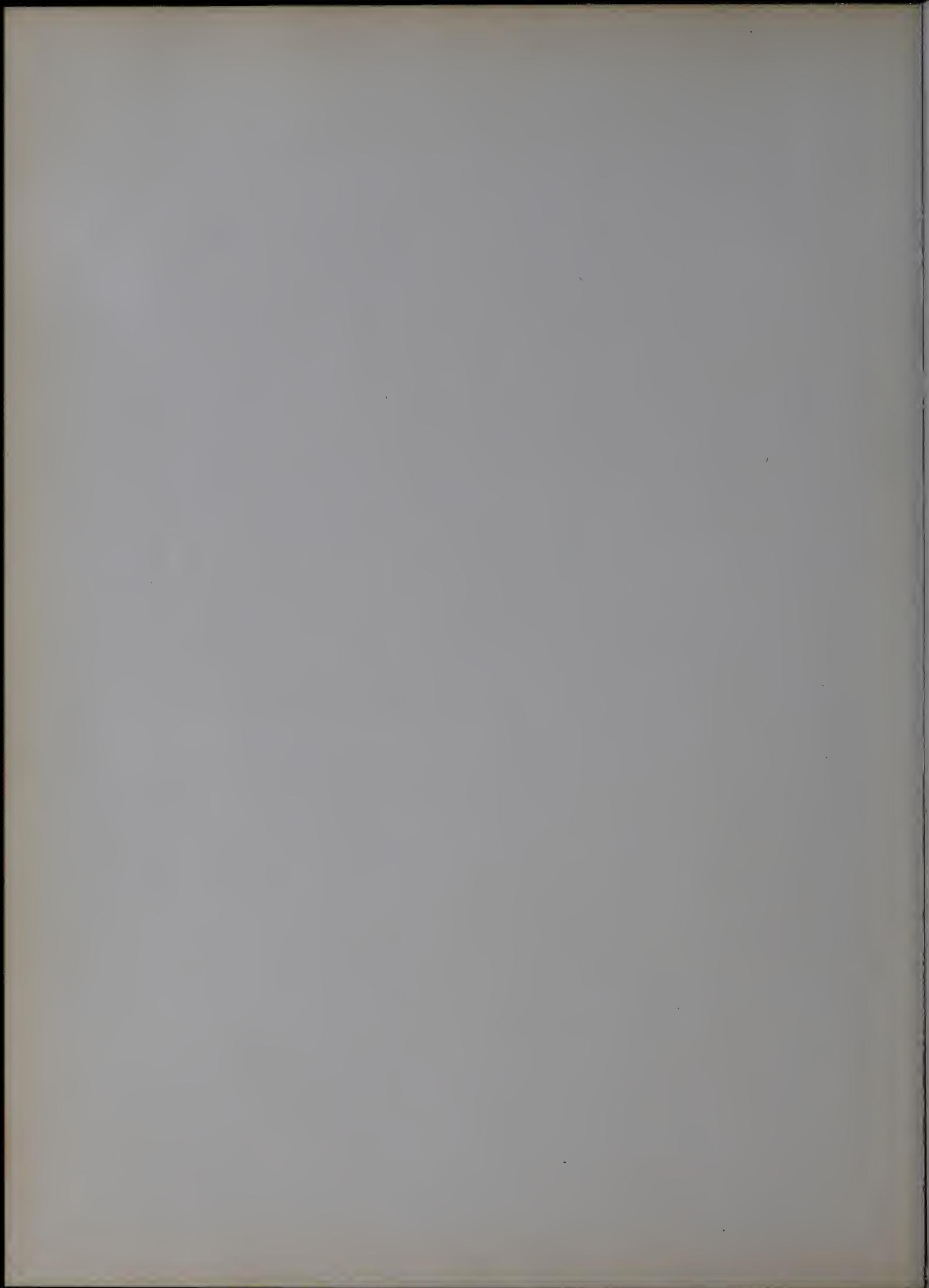


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THOUGHTS ON GRADUATION

O, the happy days of yesteryear,
 Recollection brings a thrill,
As in fancy now I wander
 Near the high school on the hill.
Blue the skies that shine above it,
 Curtained by the whispering trees,
Rich the memories clustering round it,
 Sweeter than the summer breeze.
Though the years have cast their shadows,
 Yet, through all there linger still,
Visions of my happy school days
 In the high school on the hill.



MAROON STAFF

D e d i c a t i o n

To



MR. JOHN E. COMER

In recognition of the helpful guidance which he has provided and appreciation of the unfailing spirit of friendliness which he has shown, the Class of 1956 herewith gratefully dedicates this volume of the Maroon.

To know us you must know the men and women who have led us to this day. These are the men and women who gave freely of their time and even more freely of their minds that we, too, might share in the true meaning of Leicester High — to their ceaseless efforts we pay tribute.



F A C U L T Y



MR. SKELLEY AND HIS SLAVE GIRLS

"I say to them, 'Go,' and they go; and 'Come,' and they come; and 'Do this,' and they do it."



SUPT. EDMUND F. TIERNEY

My Dear Graduates,

It is a distinct pleasure for me to represent Mr. Skelley and the teachers in conveying to you the sentiments that are synonymous with this occasion. Today, June 6, 1956, marks a significant milestone in the development of your overall growth. It is true that graduation places you at the crossroads of life. To further your education or to pursue another form of career is an important decision that you are now called upon to make. Therefore, we, of the faculty, prayfully wish on this happy day that you will bear the gifts of your high school education to fruition in the career of your choice, and that God will continue to guide and inspire you along life's way.



MARJORIE E. FRYE



FRANCES E. DEVLIN



MARY B. O'NEIL



MARY C. SCANNELL



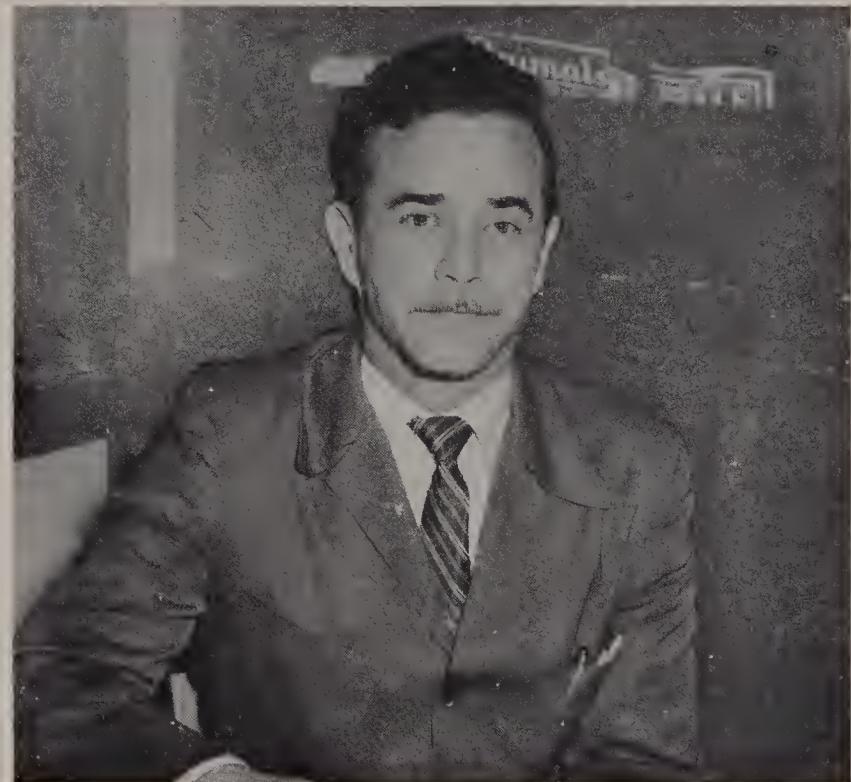
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SENIORS

Since this book is our past, we present ourselves to you. Four years — the sweetest, shortest, happiest years of our young lives — we looked forever in our hearts. These were only the golden years — golden days at Leominster High in the memory of our happy youth.



ALICE RUTH ADAMS
"Alice"

"A stern disciplinarian and a good friend."

Gen Club 1, 2, 3; Dramatic Club 1, 2, 3; German Club 1; Drama Corps 1, 2; Softball 1; Play Committee





CAROLYN MELVINA BERTHIAUME
"Blondie"

"The mildest manners and the gentlest heart"

Drum Corps 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatic Club 1, 3;
Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4.



MAXINE BICKFORD
"Max"

"She's little, but she's wise — She's a terror for her size"

Drum Corps 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4;
Arrow Staff 4; Junior Prom Committee; Basketball 2, 4;
Softball 1, 2, 4; Corridor Girl 1; Senior Play Cast;
Christmas Ball Committee.



LEROY WILLIAM BULLARD
"Roy"

"Straight onward to his goal he'll stride"

Glee Club 1; Debating Club 1; Junior Prom Committee;
Senior Play Cast; Christmas Ball Committee;
Senior Ball Committee.



MARCIA LOUISE CHILDS
"Marsh"

"A bit of sunshine in our midst"

Softball 2, 3; Basketball 2, 3; Glee Club 1, 4;
Junior Prom Committee; Senior Play Cast;
Christmas Ball Committee; Arrow Staff 3.

JOANNE MARIE CLEARY
"Jo"

"As carefree as the day is long"

Glee Club 1; Junior Prom Committee; Christmas Ball Committee, Drum Corps 2, 3, 4.



BARBARA ANN COX
"Barb"

"Anything that is worth doing at all is worth doing well"

Junior Prom Committee; Senior Ball Committee; Maroon Co-Editor; Arrow Staff 3; Honor Society 2, 3, 4; D.A.R. Representative 4; Drum Corps 1, 2, 3; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Corridor Girl 3, 4; Senior Play Cast.



CAROL ANN DAHLSTROM

"She's pretty to walk with and pleasant to talk with"

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Society 3, 4; Maroon Staff; Softball 1, 2; Arrow Staff 3; Arrow Co-Editor 4; Drum Corps 1, 2; Senior Play Cast; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Corridor Girl 4; Junior Prom Committee.



ELAINE PRISCILLA DESAUTELS
"Diz"

"A light heart lives long"

Glee Club 1, 2; Drum Corps 4; Senior Ball Committee; Junior Prom Committee; Christmas Ball Committee; Senior Play Committee.



CLIFFORD FRANCIS DODGE, III
"Ox"

"Athletics, his hobby, good nature, his guide"

Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2; Honor Society 2, 3; Senior Play Cast; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Baseball 2, 3; Arrow Staff 3, 4; Maroon Staff; Debating Club 1, 2; Christmas Ball Committee.



PATRICIA ELLEN DOWD
"Pat"

"A girl with a smile is a girl worth-while"

Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Senior Play Cast; Arrow Staff 3; Softball 1, 2; Basketball 2; Honor Society 1, 2, 3.



BRENDA DIANE FERGUSON
"Tuckie"

"Keep your face always toward the sunshine, and the shadows will fall behind you"

Glee Club 2; Drum Corps 3; Maroon Staff; Arrow Staff 4; Junior Prom Committee; Senior Ball Committee; Magazine Committee Co-Chairman.



RICHARD GARY
"Dick"

"A man of few words is the best man"

Football 2, 3, 4; Baseball 2, 3, 4; Arrow Staff 2, 3, 4.

CAROLYN ANN GRANT
"Curly"

"Sincerity leads to the top"

Glee Club 1; Drum Corps 1, 2, 3, 4; Softball 2;
Corridor Girl 4; Senior Play Cast; Basketball 1,
2; Christmas Ball Committee; Junior Prom
Committee.



JACQUELINE THERESE GUYAN
"Jackie"

"Excitement follows in her footsteps"

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Softball 1; Basketball 1, 2;
Drum Corps 1; Corridor Girl 2; Debating Club
1; Junior Prom Committee.



RICHARD GEORGE JOHNSON
"Dick"

"There is nothing more powerful than silence"

Glee Club 1, 2; Senior Play Cast; Football 1, 2,
3, 4; Track 1, 2; Basketball 3, 4; Christmas Ball
Committee; Junior Prom Committee.



BEVERLY FERN JONES
"Fern"

"Better to be small and shine than tall and cast
a shadow"

Glee Club 1, 2; Softball 2; Debating Club 2, 3, 4;
Junior Prom Committee; Senior Play Committee.



RICHARD IRVING KEMP
"Dick"

"*A fellow who never frowns*"

Glee Club 1; Basketball 1, 3; Baseball 3; Maroon Staff; Football Manager 2.



FRANCES KATHRYN KLOCEK
"Frania"

"*Gay, fun-loving, and sincere*"

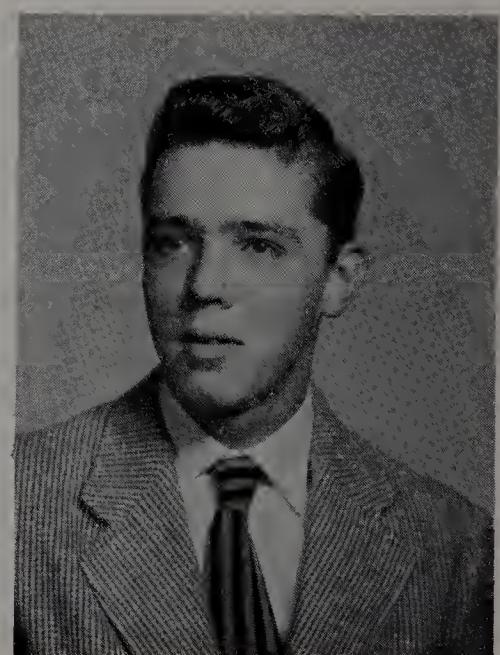
Class Treasurer 2, 3, 4; Honor Society 2, 3, 4;
Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Senior Play Cast; Junior Prom Committee; Maroon Staff; Class Prophecy.



TEDFORD GEORGE LAWSON
"Ted"

"*His voice is like rumbling thunder*"

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Senior Play Cast; Junior Prom Committee; Basketball Manager 1.



PAUL OLIVER LUOPA
"Paul"

"*For he's a jolly good fellow*"

Glee Club 2; Senior Play Committee.

ROBERT EDWARD McKEON
"Bob"

"Care is an enemy to life"

Glee Club 4; Music Appreciation 4; Debating Club 4.



JOHN VICTOR MILLER

"Why worry — the world's too full of fun"

VIVIAN GAIL MOROWSKI
"Viv"

"Good things come in small packages"

Glee Club 1, 2; Junior Prom Committee; Drum Corps 4; Maroon Staff; Arrow Staff 4; Christmas Ball Committee; Senior Ball Committee.



DONALD LEO NIEBER
"Don"

"They go wild simply wild over me"

Football 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Track 1, 2; Senior Play Cast; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Maroon Staff; Senior Ball Committee; Christmas Ball Committee.





ROBERTA LEE NOFALL
"Bobby"

"The world delights in sunny people"

Glee Club 1, 2; Drum Corps 4; Senior Ball Committee; Senior Play Committee; Christmas Ball Committee; Corridor Girl 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior Prom Committee.



FAY ELIZABETH OLSEN
"Fay"

"Sweet and very lovable"

Glee Club 1, 2; Drum Corps 1, 2; Arrow Staff 4; Maroon Staff; Softball 2; Senior Play Cast; Junior Prom Committee.



JUDITH ANN PADDOCK
"Judy"

"Liked by all who know her"

Class Secretary 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Society 2, 3, 4; Junior Prom Committee; Arrow Staff 3, 4; Senior Ball Committee; Maroon Staff; Senior Play Committee.



LINDA CHARLOTTE PAGE
"Pete"

"She never worries, seldom hurries"

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Drum Corps 1; Senior Play Committee; Maroon Staff; Magazine Co-Chairman; Christmas Ball Committee; Junior Prom Committee.

JUNE MARIE PARSE
"June"

"On the level, she's a devil"

Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Cheerleader 2, 3, 4; Maroon Co-Editor; Class Secretary 3; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Softball 1, 2, 3; Arrow Staff 2, Honor Society 4.



HERBERT HENRY PENGILLY
"Herb"

"A prince of good fellows"

Baseball 1, 2; Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Football Manager 2; Arrow Staff 4.



PAUL FRANCIS RIEDL, JR.
"Paul"

"Oh, what a man!"

Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior Prom Committee; Track 1, 2; Senior Play Cast; Basketball 1, 2; Glee Club 1, 2; Christmas Ball Committee.



PATRICIA NAPUA ROGERS
"Pat"

"Happy as the day is long"

Glee Club 1, 2; Maroon Staff; Corridor Girl 1, 2, 3; Honor Society 3, 4; Class Secretary 1, 2; Arrow Staff 1, 3, 4; Drum Corps 1; Basketball 2; Junior Prom Committee; Christmas Ball Committee.



DEBORAH ROWDEN
"Deb"

"Smile, and the world smiles with you"

Glee Club 1, 2; Christmas Ball Committee;
Arrow Staff 2, 3, 4; Maroon Staff; Basketball 1,
2; Senior Ball Committee; Senior Play Cast;
Drum Corps 1, 2; Softball 1.



LORY CLIFFORD RUSSELL
"Russ"

"A live wire in a dull world"

Class Vice-President 3, 4; Junior Prom Committee;
Senior Play Cast; Baseball 2; Christmas Ball
Committee; Senior Ball Committee.



DEBORAH ANN SARGENT
"Deb"

*"It's nice to be natural when you're naturally
nice"*

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Christmas Ball Committee;
Arrow Staff 4; Maroon Staff; Softball 1, 2;
Basketball 1, 2; Drum Corps 1, 2; Cheerleader
1, 2, 3, 4; Junior Prom Committee.



EVELYN CAROLINE SHOCIK
"Ev"

"So quiet and yet so full of life"

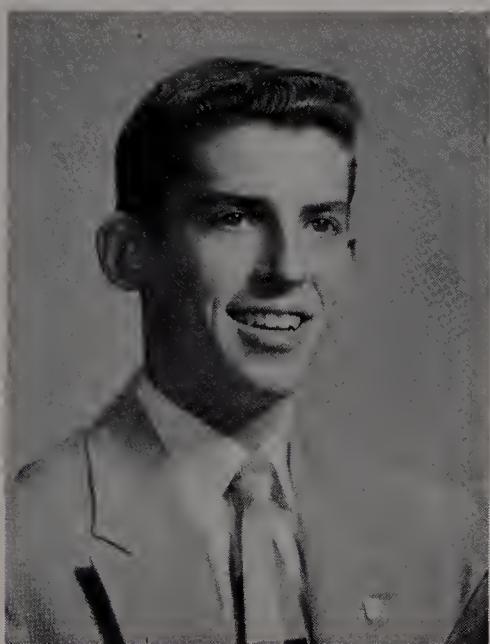
Glee Club 1, 2; Junior Prom Committee.



PATRICIA MARIE SUNDBERG
"Pat"

"A happy disposition is a gift of the gods"

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Debating Club 1, 2, 3;
Arrow Staff 3, 4; Maroon Staff; Basketball 1, 2;
Senior Play Cast; Christmas Ball Committee;
Senior Ball Committee.



WILLIAM BRUCE WASTILA
"Wild Willy"

"Tall, dark, and handsome"

Class President 2, 4; Track 1; Honor Society 2,
3, 4; Maroon Staff; Student Government Rep-
resentative 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Ring Commit-
tee Chairman 3; Junior Prom Chairman; Glee
Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Boys' State Representative 3.



HERBERT EARL WHITWORTH
"Herb"

"A genial manner makes life's journey smooth"
Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 4; Arrow Staff 4;
Christmas Ball Committee; Junior Prom Commit-
tee; Senior Play Committee.



EDWIN FRANK WILLIAMS
"Eddie"

"Sigh no more ladies, sigh no more"

Glee Club 1; Honor Society 2, 3; Senior Play
Cast; Junior Prom Committee; Christmas Ball
Committee; Arrow Staff 3.

Class

Like as the setting sun that is about to depart from view below the horizon, we, the Class of 1956, recall with misty eyes the golden sunrise of our freshman year. From that September morning in 1952 when Mr. Skelley offered us compasses to locate ourselves to this June day in 1956 when the faculty exclaims "Hail and Farewell," we can only remember four years blessed with happiness.

Now as we see the light of our high school careers growing dim, and as we hear our happy voices fading away to stillness, we know that our minutes at Leicester High School have hastened to their end.

Therefore, we, the Class of 1956, realizing that the bonds which have united us throughout our high school days are dissolving and being of sound mind and possessing happy memories, do hereby declare this to be our last will and testament.

ALICIA ADAMS — leaves to Donna Carney her make-up abilities.

CAROLYN BERTHIAUME — leaves to Robert Shea her peaches and cream complexion.

MAXINE BICKFORD — leaves so many lonely hearts behind her.

LEROY BULLARD — leaves to be Mr. Peepers on television.

MARCIA CHILDS — leaves to George Grady her height.

JOANNE CLEARY — leaves to Pat Gallant her sense of humor.

BARBARA COX — leaves her cleanup duties in the girls' locker room to anyone who'll be so unlucky as to get them.

CAROL DAHLSTROM — leaves to learn how to cure or kill us.

ELAINE DESAUTELS — leaves to Sally Dobie her taste for nice clothes.

CLIFFORD DODGE — leaves with an air of dignity on his red scooter, which had caused him so much previous worry.

PAT DOWD — just glad to leave.

BRENDA FERGUSON — leaves to Kathy Best her love for short hair.

RICHARD GARY — leaves to continue his interest in chemistry.

CAROLYN GRANT — leaves all her problems behind her.

JACKIE GUYAN — leaves to Sis Zeveski her quiet ways.

FERN JONES — leaves to Paul Butler III her debating abilities.

DICKIE JOHNSON — leaves to Dick "Ollie" Johnson his name.

DICKIE KEMP — leaves with all thoughts of school behind him.

FRAN KLOCEK — leaves to be the wife of a Marine.

TED LAWSON — leaves to Bob Slocomb his favorite wave.

PAUL LUOPA — tiptoes out before the teachers have a chance to change their minds.

BOB McKEON — leaving with us, though many of the times we doubted it.

VIVIAN MOROWSKI — leaves her vacant seat at Mantell's to be filled.

DONALD NIEBER — leaves to Dave Luoma his winning personality.

ROBERTA NOFTALL — leaves to Carol Latour her dimples.

FAY OLSEN — leaves to Jean Farrell her cute ways.

JUDY PADDOCK — leaves her typing ability to anyone who can excel it.

JUNE PARSE — leaves to the cheerleaders the task of winning first place at the tourney next year.

HERB PENGILLY — leaves to Smokey King his way with the girls.

PAUL RIEDL — leaves to Debbie Sargent all the problems he has caused her this past year.

DEB ROWDEN — leaves to Jeanne Williamson her love for lavender.

PAT ROGERS — leaves to Sally Streeter her ability to talk so much.

LORY RUSSELL — leaves to polish all of Leicester's fire engines.

DEB SARGENT — leaves to Nancy Fyffe her appetite.



Will

EVELYN SHOCIK — leaves to Carol Fitzsimmons her ability to blush so easily.

PAT SUNDBERG — leaves to Marcia Sundberg her sophistication.

BILL WASTILA — leaves to Butch Kent his good looks and athletic abilities.

EDDIE WILLIAMS — leaves to Betsy Pearsall his attendance record.

LINDA PAGE — leaves to Mr. Madden the peace and quiet that he's been waiting for all year.

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE JUNIOR CLASS — we leave you this train so that you'll have no excuse for not going to Washington next year.

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SOPHOMORE CLASS — we leave this flashlight to guide you through the dark years ahead.

MR. TIERNEY — to you we leave this bag of cement to repair the walls of the new school building.

MR. SKELLEY — to you we leave this angel to watch over the kids as they dash for the cafeteria line.

MR. COMER — to you we leave this box of aspirins to take when you get the headaches the oncoming seniors will no doubt give you.

MR. BOULE — to you we leave this new supply of magazines to read while the kids are taking their history tests next year.

MISS SCANNELL — to you we leave this new lock and key to keep the freshmen from destroying your room at recess time.

MISS O'NEIL — to you we leave these batteries to keep your recorder in good running condition.

MISS FRYE — to you we leave the completion of your police uniform.

MR. ROWDEN — to you we leave this basketball in hopes that you will have a more successful season next year.

MR. TIVNAN — to you we leave this telephone memo to record telephone numbers of next year's advertisers.

MR. MADDEN — to you we leave these roller skates for you to get around in the type room faster.

MR. SULLIVAN — to you we leave this red pencil to replace the one you used this year.

MISS DEVLIN — to you we leave this little cart to transport your books from Room 10 to Room 12 every day.

MISS DELLA SALA — to you we leave this door to replace the one we broke during the play.

MR. CALLAN — to you we leave this airplane to take off in when the going gets too rough at Leicester High.

MISS CHRISTINE McPARTLAND — to you we leave this can of blue paint to replace that which we used for our Prom decorations.

MISS HELEN McPARTLAND — to you we leave this typewriting ribbon to type out all the working cards next year.

MRS. JUBINVILLE — to you we leave this gas pump to replace all the gas that you have used in taking all the sicklings home.

MRS. NIEDERER — to you we leave this recipe book so that you can get some new recipes for next year.

MR. PERODEAU — to you we leave this can of Ajax to clean the desks with next year.

MR. GAUMOND — to you we leave this music book so that next year's class will have some new graduation songs.

MR. MacGREGOR — to you we leave this beard to match your moustache.

Having signed, sealed, and published this document, we declare it to be the close of the last will and testament of the Class of 1956 of Leicester High School on this sixth day of June in the year of Our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-six.

Signed in the witness of:
Eloise and Dennis the Menace

Signed:
Patricia Dowd and Linda Page



Class Prophecy

Work! Work! Work! Am I glad it's time for a vacation. Teaching the Africans the proper diet is no easy job. Oh, well, I'll be home soon. While I'm there I must visit *Frances Klocek Streeter*. I hear she has six lovely children. Can it be possible that this is 1976?

But now I'll just go out and sun myself on deck. Who's that over there? Why it's *Fern Jones*. She's in the Women's Armed Forces and is the sergeant in charge of recruits. I left with my eye on the future — possibly in the Women's Air Corps.

What's this? ? ? The captain wants to see me. I went to his table quickly to find that it was none other than my old classmate, *Edwin Williams*. He liked the Navy so well that he decided the sea was his career. I wasn't too surprised to hear that *Brenda Ferguson* was his private secretary. From him I learned that *Bob McKeon* is a major in the Army and *Ted Lawson* has part interest in Grant's Stores.

New York at last — almost home. I decided to stay at the Taft Hotel where another of my classmates, *Herbert Whitworth*, is manager. He told me that a "must" for me would be to go over to Radio City Music Hall and hear *Carolyn Berthiaume* sing — a few steps up from our Class Day program.

Remember *LeRoy Bullard's* sense of humor in our class play? It has certainly paid off

in big dividends. *LeRoy* has taken over *George Gobel's* show.

Farewell to New York and hello to Leicester. I wasn't too surprised when I got home and found my old home town now a big city.

Leicester now boasts a new hospital, three new high schools, two movie theatres, and six factories. When I got home, my mother informed me that I had a special invitation from *Barbara Cox*, head nurse, to visit our new Hospital. When I arrived, I found many other classmates working there. *Richard Gary*, graduate of Clark University and Harvard Medical School, is one of the chief surgeons, and *Marcia Childs* is his secretary. *Carol Dahlstrom* works here also, combining both career and marriage. *Bill Wastila*, another graduate of Clark University, works in the hospital's ultra-modern laboratory, doing work on a cure for many dreaded diseases.

A trip over to the elementary school showed that I had been right. *Deborah Sargent* teaches former classmates' children in the first grade of the old elementary school. She told me that this was the seventh child of *Deborah Rowden* that she had taught the first lessons of reading and writing. She also told me that *Pat Dowd* was now married and traveling the whole North and South American continents. She has ten children by the way.

As a reward for his great knowledge of sports, *Clifford Dodge* is head of athletics at dear old L. H. S. He can proudly boast an unbeaten record for the last fifteen years.

I was just in time to see *Paul Luopa* installed as principal. His job of training recruits in the Army will surely come in handy now.

Pat Rogers always had a flair for business. Therefore, I wasn't surprised when I heard that she was now president of Mineau's Sports Store.

Richard Kemp, after helping his father build their home, has developed Hyland's field into lovely modern homes. He took great pains explaining the new electric gadgets in the homes.

Judy Paddock lives in one of these beautiful homes, and once a year she opens her home for charity purposes. *Lory Russell* is now owner and manager of Russell Mfg. Co. For an avocation he's fire chief of the Leicester department.

When I went to have some of my clothes cleaned the next day, I discovered that *Evelyn Shocik* has part interest in Beau Cleaners and her lawyer is *Richard Johnson*.

Maxine Bickford has now set up a shingle — "Bickford's Hair Dressing School." *Joanne Cleary* is the Dean of Women.

Walking down the street, I bumped into *Paul Riedl* who is now business manager of the Carleton Woolen Mills.

My stay in Leicester is over but, before I leave, I must go over to the town offices and visit old friends: *Roberta Noftall*, clerk, and *Alicia Adams*, certified public accountant.

Now I must fly down to Washington for a business conference with the President. I heard that *Donald Neiber* is now a farmer

in Little Rock, Arkansas, and *Fay Olsen* is by his side. She works in the telephone company out there. I must remember to write to her soon.

Jackie Guyan is now married to a British lord and lives in Liverpool, England. She has learned that punctuality plus is a "must."

June Parse always was a good secretary and really worked hard for the job she has now. As private secretary for the senator from Massachusetts, she was happy to tell me that *Herbert Pengilly* is a captain in the Navy and *Linda Page* is happily married with eight children and lives in Salt Lake City, Utah.

I was very sorry that I could not visit *Elaine Desautels* and *Vivian Morowski* but they were on a world tour. It seems that they won a contest sponsored by the Cherry Valley PTA. Another one of my classmates seems to have left our great town. *Carolyn Grant* is now happily married and lives in Alaska.

Well, that's a panoramic review of the Class of 1956 as it appears twenty years later. You must agree that we have been very successful to date. We have ever remembered our class motto "Fortune Favors the Brave" and have, so far, overcome the many varied and difficult problems associated with this game called L-I-F-E. Let's hope that the future will be as good to us so as twenty years hence I can further chart our successful careers.



As the members of the Class of 1956 look back on the days and years that have passed, we can see just what we did, or what we didn't do, with our time at Leicester High School.

When we entered L. H.S. back in 1952, we looked forward to the future with the assurance that "Fortune Favors the Brave." We found this to be true in our first year's study, especially during the marking period.

As neophytes to secondary education, we elected as Freshmen the following class officers: Nancy Perry, President; Henry Kobel, Vice-President; Pat Rogers, Secretary; and Nancy Granger, Treasurer.

Our class was represented in the athletic program by Henry Kobel, Bill Wastila, Dick Johnson, Don Neiber, Cliff Dodge, Paul Riedl, Dick Kemp, and Dale Boyer. Most of the girls played basketball and softball. During our initial year, we were fortunate to gain George Boucher, Corrine Mazzone, Brenda Ferguson, Pat Rogers, and Barbara Cox.

As Sophomores we were no longer under-

acknowledged to be the greatest in the history of the school. We started thinking seriously of what we were going to do after high school. Would it be Uncle Sam, backbreaking labor, or college life? Our Career Day, planned by Miss dela Salla and Mr. Skelley, helped us a great deal. It was a great year — The Junior Prom on a theme of Blue Hawaii, the football games, and all the other wonderful times that we had together formed lasting remembrances. Casualties that year were Charles Case, Elaine Erickson, Bob Hyland, and Henry Kobel. On the credit side of the ledger, we gained Larry Anderson.

At last we were Seniors. Our class was kept activated by the efforts of our class officers: Bill Wastila, President; Lory Russell, Vice-President; Judy Paddock, Secretary; and Fran Klocek, Treasurer.

There were no more underclass pranks with the exception of our "Batchelors' Protective Association" with Mr. Phelan installed as president. We worked hard on our studies and the various activities that we undertook;

Class History



classmen but on our way to that coveted title of "Seniors" at L. H. S. During that year we studied, played sports, and joined in all the extra-curricular school activities: the Sophomore Picnic, our Sophomore Arrow, which incidentally was the year's best, and the various sports programs. At our helm that year we had the following class officers: Henry Kobel, President; Bill Wastila, Vice-President; June Parse, Secretary; and Fran Klocek, Treasurer. During that year we lost Barbara Best, Gene Haley, Beverly Frotten, Irene Naperkowski, Marian Nevers, Richard Parker, Nancy Perry, Bob Perry, and Earl Soucie. To offset the loss we gained Richard Gary, Lory Russell, and Fern Jones.

As Juniors we were really progressing up the ladder toward senior year. That year we elected the following class officers: Bob Fox, President; Lory Russell, Vice-President; Judy Paddock, Secretary; and Fran Klocek, Treasurer.

We ordered our class rings and played valiantly in sports. The basketball team was

namely, the Class Trip, the Senior Play, the Dinner-Dance, the Matoon, and the various sports teams that we would be playing with for the last time. During the year a friend to all seniors, Miss Harmon, passed away. Obituaries in the sense of dropouts for senior year were Carol Lemerise, Bob Riopel, Dale Boyer, Pat Dufault, John Miller, Joyce Stanikmas, Bob Fox, Corrine Mazzone, Larry Anderson, and Bob McKeon.

As we look back on the fun-filled four years we have spent at Leicester High School, we, the Class of 1956, ready to split up and mingle with the world, some for the Armed Services, some for higher education, and some to earn a living, cannot thank our teachers enough for all that they have done for us, yes, PM's and all. They, more than anyone else, have prepared us to face the world with a good attitude, not thinking that the world owes us a living but that living by our class motto "Fortune Favors the Brave," we shall fare well in everything that we attempt.



.... Bill Wastila

MOST BRILLIANT

Barbara Cox



.... Ed Williams

BEST LOOKING

June Parse



.... LeRoy Bullard

WITTIEST

Joanne Cleary



.... Bill Wastila

MOST POPULAR

Pat Rogers



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MOST ATHLETIC

Carol Dahlstrom



.... Bill Wastila

BEST DRESSED

June Parse



.... Paul Riedl

MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED

Carol Dahlstrom



.... Paul Riedl

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Carolyn Grant





CONTRIBUTED MOST TO CLASS
.... Lory Russell

Judy Paddock



MOST BASHFUL
.... Herb Pengilly

Evelyn Shocik



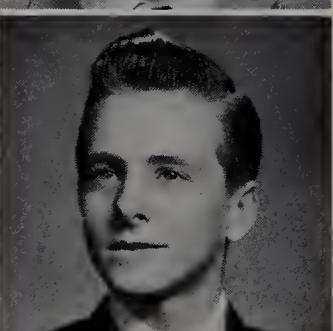
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Carolyn Berthiaume



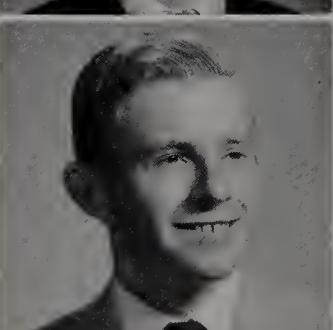
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.... Don Nieber

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CUTEST
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MOST QUIET
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MOST SERIOUS
.... Dick Gary

Barbara Cox



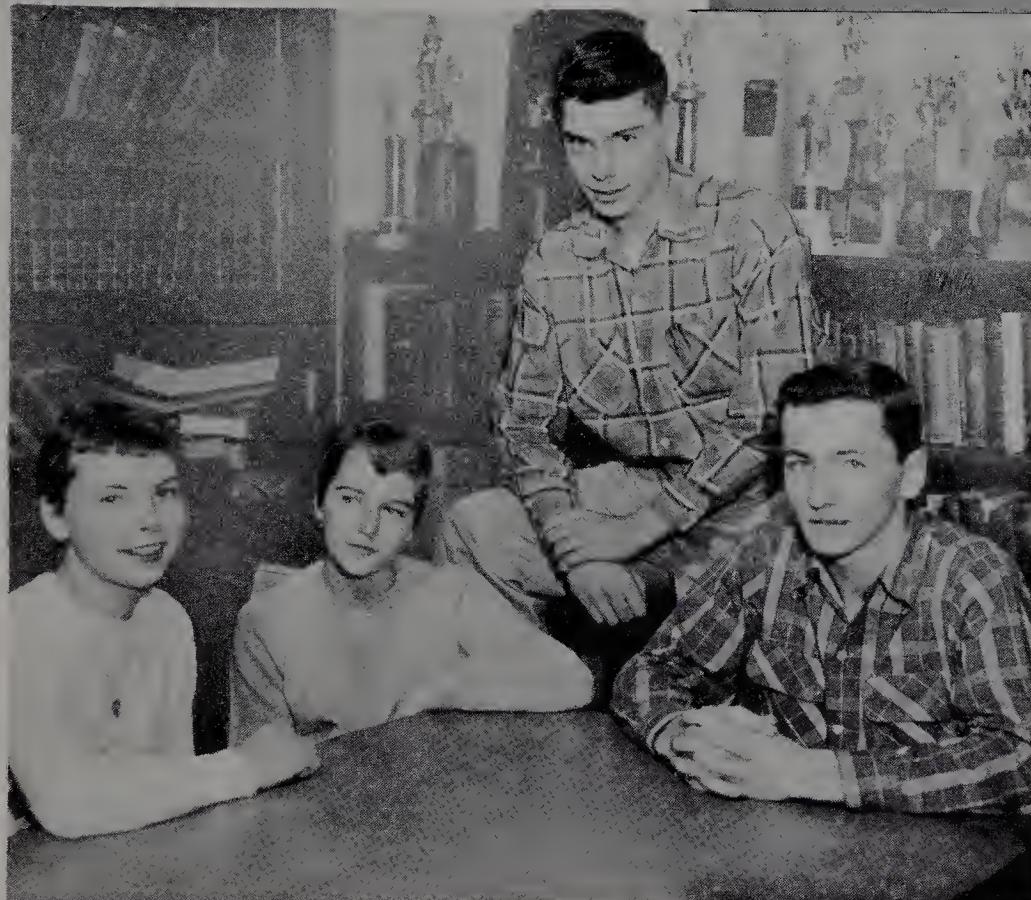
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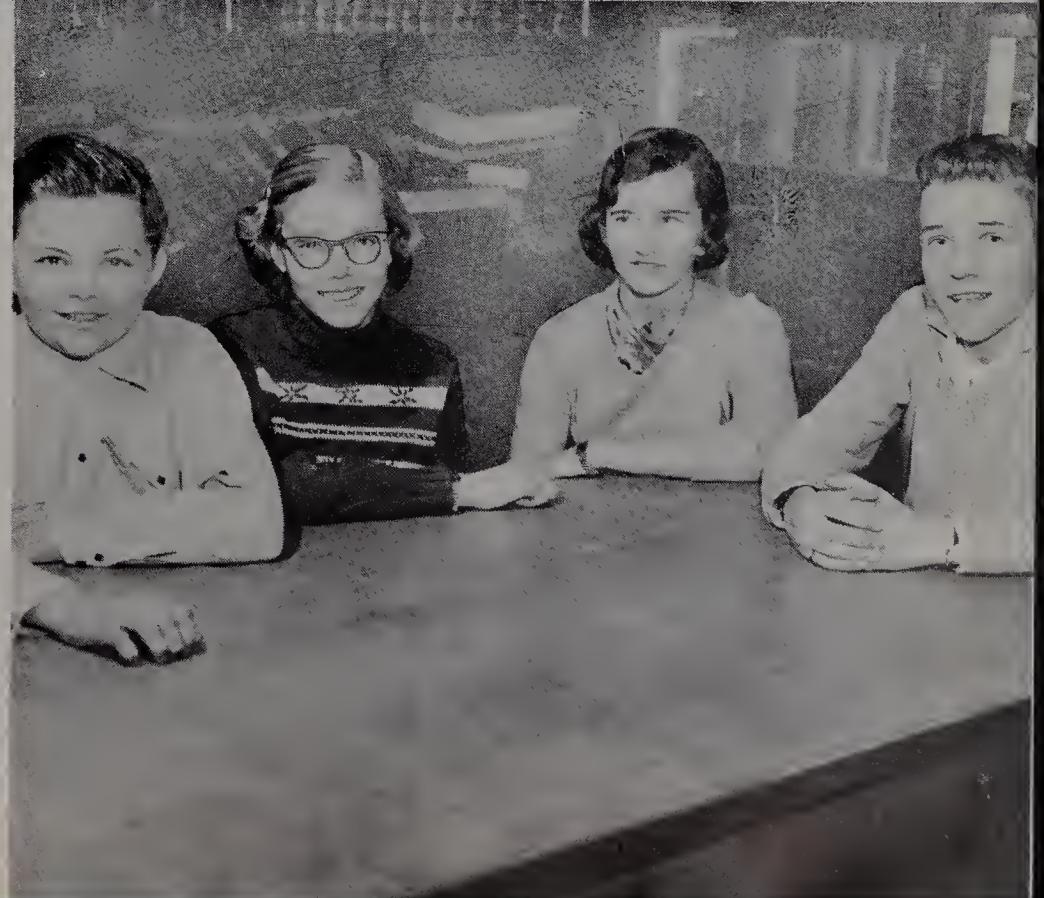


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To know us you must know our associates. These are the boys and girls who form the student body of Leicester High. They worked with us as a unit planning and executing the many projects which contribute so essentially to our high school life — we are leaving Leicester High in capable hands.

JUNIOR CLASS



First Row, left to right: Carol LeDuc, Donna Carney, Ellen Harty, Nancy Snay, Beverly Cox, Robert Slocomb, Nancy Shivick, Shirley Wood, Jean Williamson, Karen Manthorne.

Second Row: Miss Scannell, Marie Gustafson, Judith Azelton, Sandra Jacobson, Marilyn Tibbets, Sandra Best, Sandra Antanavica, Carol Rondeau, Mary Ann Kurzicki, Carol Lemerise, Barbara Maleckas, Florence Zerveski, Barbara Gelatt.

Third Row: Doris Wright, Marcia Sundberg, Mary Jane Hager, Alice Sherneth, Raymond Soucie, Louis Martin, Francis Marley, Norman Manion, Elizabeth Larsson, Carole Brown, Audrey Bolivar, Sally Burdzel.

Fourth Row: John Gilbert, David Luoma, Ronald Chad, Albert Eccleston, Robert Lachance, Ronald Johnson, Stephen Sieron.

SOPHOMORE CLASS



First Row, left to right: Nancy Cooper, Barbara Robidoux, Peggy Fitch, Barbara Stone, Jean Farrell, Robert Young, Charles Kent, Katherine Best, Donna Frotten, Lelaine Pellicchia, Carol Anderson, Carol Latour.

Second Row: Mr. Rowden, Beverly Johnson, Nancy LeBaron, Judith Senosk, Carolyn Johnson, Helen Jodrey, Patricia Dorr, Ruth Gelatt, Joyce Perron, Dianna Carlson, Barbara Flagg, Barbara Frazel, Carol Harbester, Beth Eddy, Patricia Cote.

Third Row: George Grady, Charles Sargent, Edward Tilc, James Larson, Paul Dorr, John Hennessy, Ernest Woolridge, Theodore Antanavica, Donald Carlson, Roger Caisse, John Zajkowski, Edward Hennessy, Paul Stakum.

Fourth Row: Paul Butler, Leonard Anderson, Philip Kennen, Richard Whitmore, Russell Hokanson, Lawrence Gray, Robert Shea.

FRESHMAN CLASS



First Row, left to right: Helen Sheehan, Patricia Foley, Carol Shea, Francis King, James Farrow, Sandra Hanner, Anne Mongeau, Shirley White, Stephanie Chaud, Judith Gabriel.
Second Row: Miss O'Neil, John Sweet, Francis Kennedy, Earl LaTour, Ovelina Zeveski, Nancy Fyffe, Ruth Anger, Caroline Piper, Dorothy Pisarski, Mary Young, Caroline Shong, Judith Bickford, Sally Streeter, Karen Jacobson, Frayer Comtois, Ronald Fried, Raymond Dufresne.
Third Row: Jeannette Donohue, Claire Lachance, Shirley Slocomb, Ellen Bergin, Sylvia Mackenzie, Marilyn Whitney, Mary McKay, Linda Anderson, Barbara Stearns, Bette Ringgard, Sandra West, Lois Bergeron, Lorraine Clarkson, Patricia Lipinski.
Fourth Row: William Aho, Ronald Williamson, Richard Robidoux, Thomas Jerome, Thomas Dodge, David Byron, Edmund Duby, Clifford Albrecht, Alfred Margadonna, Philip Williamson, Robert Wood, William Farrow, Richard Johnson.



ACTIVITIES

To know us you must know what we did. We shall attempt to show the activities which enlarged and expanded our work in the classrooms. These activities gave us the opportunity to test our ideas — they have guided us in our choice of future endeavors. We see now that the inspiration and instruction of the teachers have paved the way for our success in future life.





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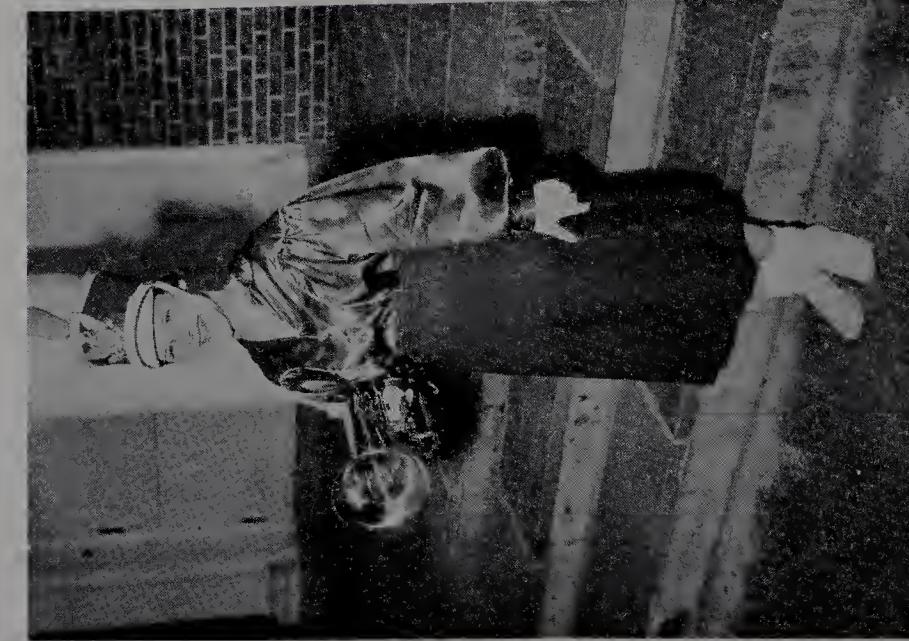
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MAXINE BICKFORD



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To know us you must see us at play. These activities developed our bodies as the classrooms developed our minds. They have helped to make us complete students. They have imbued in us the ideals of fair play and good sportsmanship — they have added immeasurably to our life on the hill.



1956



FOOTBALL TEAM — 1955



FOOTBALL SENIORS



DICK GARY



DICK JOHNSON



FOOTBALL — 1955



DON NIEBER



CLIFF DODGE



VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM



JAYVEE BASKETBALL TEAM



BILL WASTILA



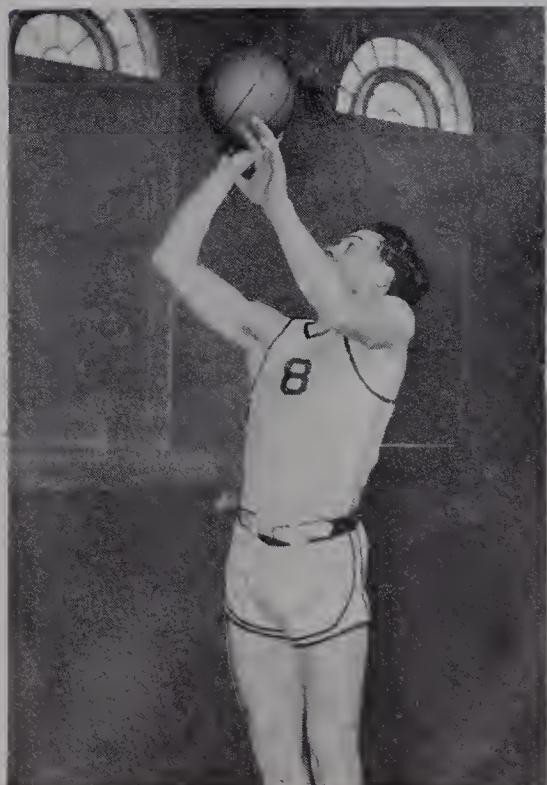
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CHRISTMAS
BALL

To know us you must see us in society. These are the activities in which we engaged purely for pleasure. All our social affairs helped in their way to further the completeness of our education — these highlights will always enhance our memories of life at Leicester High.

SENIOR
DINNER
- DANCE





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So as to remember us, we have highlighted the most significant happenings of our senior year. We hope that these glimpses of the passing parade of 1955-1956 will rekindle pleasant memories of our halcyon days at Leicester High School. What a memorable year — recall the Saturdays that the football team sloshed in the mud . . . the April blizzard . . . our numerous dropouts . . . Ted Lawson's pantomime of Johnny Ray . . . those last handshakes in the caf after graduation . . .
MEMORIES !!!



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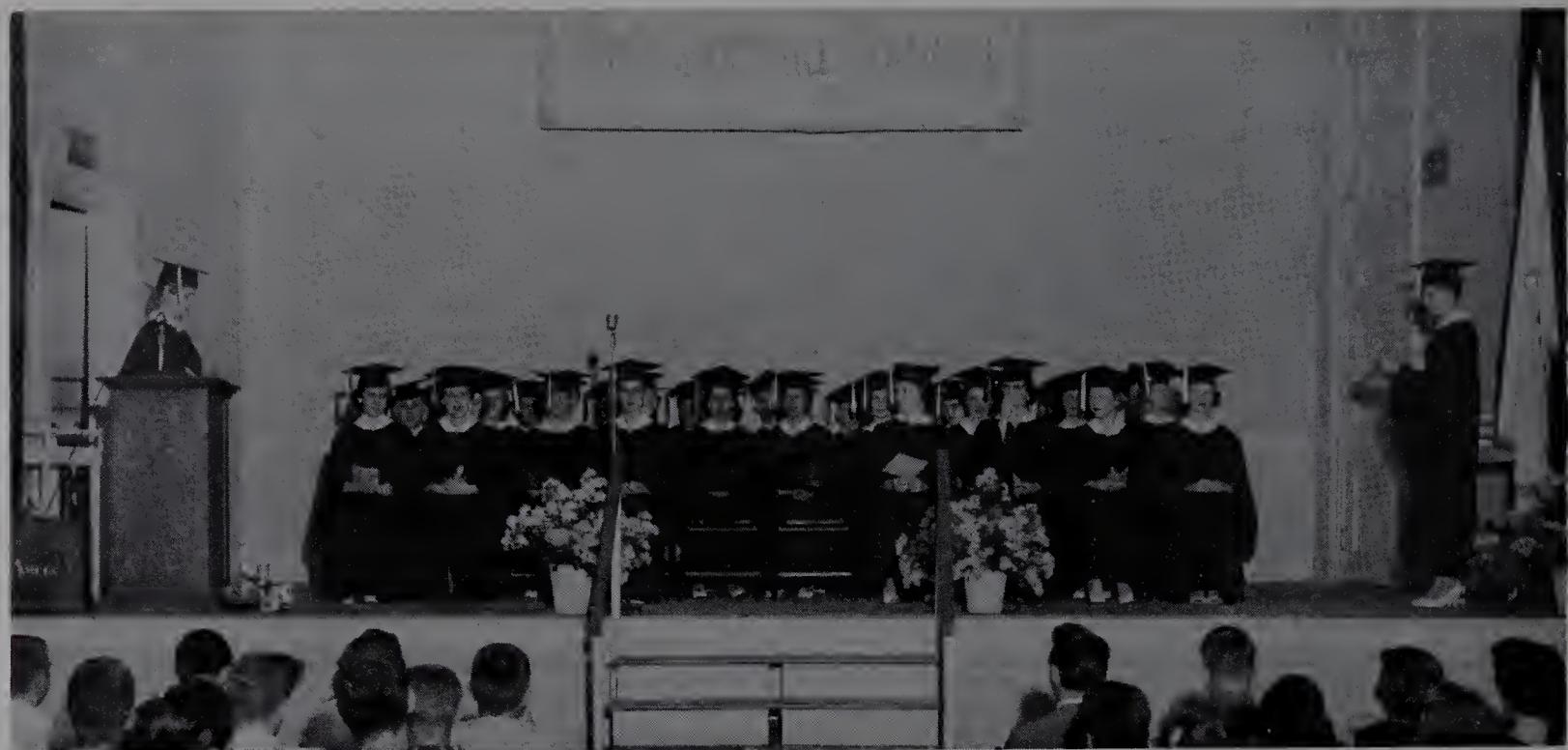
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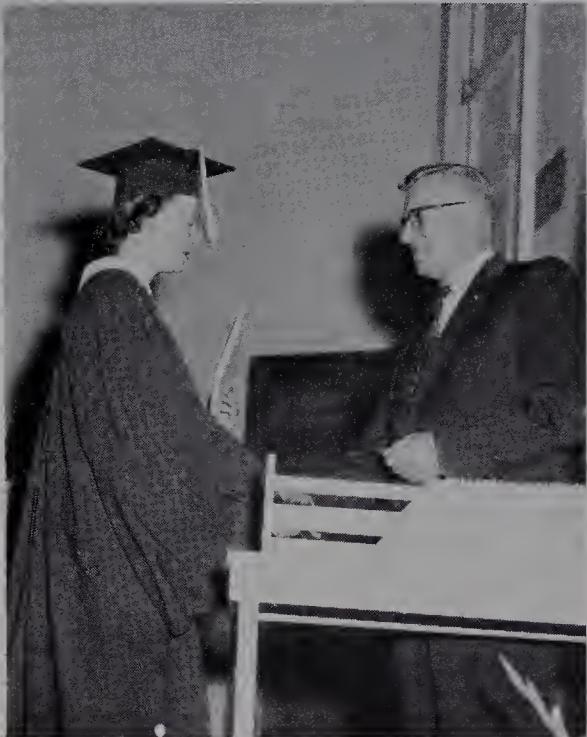
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Hail Leicester High!
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Bound in sacred tie
Hold high the standards
Gleaned on the hill.
Thy expectations we'll fulfill.



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THE END THAT IS ONLY THE BEGINNING

This is the end of another chapter of Leicester High history, a history that started in 1921 when the first freshman climbed the hill and settled down. Many others have since followed him, and we, the Class of 1956, have been fortunate to be among them — this book is our record. True it is that June 6, 1956, will scatter the Class of '56, and that only on certain pages of the Maroon will they continue to exist as a unit, as a class.

Yet, is it really so? Will graduation mean that the Class of '56 as such no longer exists as it existed on the hill and that only on the dry leaves of a book shall we ever again be able to realize that class, whole and entire? Perhaps graduation will not mean that if the true spirit of Leicester High has entered the heart and soul of each graduate, if the memory of good friends does not die, if the counsel and teaching of the faculty has fallen on fertile soil. If this has happened, then the Class of 1956 continues to exist, whole and entire, no matter where the vicissitudes of these uncertain times may take each individual member.

As four years are now at end, so also the Maroon has reached its conclusion. All has been said that will be said, all has been written that will be written. We turn now to open a new book and start a new chapter, which we shall write as graduates of Leicester High.



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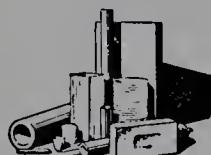
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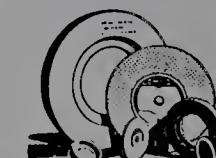
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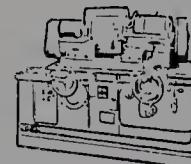


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